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What the U.F.A. Means to the Wheat Pool

By Stephen Lunn, Chairman Wheat Pool Drive Committee.

Since the last issue of "The U. F. A." was published, the Wheat Pool Trustees have been continuously engaged in dealing with the problems of finance, management and elevator facilities which must be worked out before the Pool can begin actual operations. On Sept. 17th and Sept. 18th the Board of Trustees met in the Calgary offices, and on the evening of the 18th President Wood, chairman of the Board, W. J. Jackman, secretary-treasurer, and C. Jenson left Calgary for Winnipeg, where further conferences were held, which had not been concluded as "The U. F. A." went to press. Hon. J. E. Brownlee left Edmonton at the same time, to be present at the Winnipeg meetings.

The Alberta Pacific Grain Company and the United Grain Growers, Limited, have offered the trustees the use of their elevators, on somewhat similar terms to those made between the elevator companies and the wheat board in 1919. These two companies control approximately forty per cent. of the elevators in the Province, and it is expected that other elevator facilities will be secured under a similar arrangement.

In the accompanying article Mr. Stephen Lunn chairman of the Wheat Pool drive committee, discusses the campaign for contracts, with particular reference to its relation to the farmers' movement in the Province.

Mr. Lunn has made the additional statement that, barring unforeseen difficulties, the Pool will probably be in operation in the course of two or three weeks.

Now that the official campaign for Wheat Pool contracts is over, and the time for withdrawals is past, and while the trustees are making arrangements preparatory to the actual handling of grain, perhaps it will be of interest to U. F. A. members to consider a few facts which stand out in connection with the Wheat Pool drive, and particularly some lessons which we, as organized farmers, have had an opportunity to learn from that drive.

Two facts stand out pre-eminently; first, that the measure of success which has already been achieved by the Wheat Pool could not have been attained without the great assistance given by the United Farmers of Alberta; and secondly, that had the U. F. A. organization, during the past summer, been in the same vigorous condition which characterized it two years ago, there is no question that a much greater measure of success would have been achieved in the Wheat Pool drive.

This latter fact should give every U.F.A. member and every Local curious food for thought and, it is to be hoped, ground for future action. When we look back and remember the keenness, the confidence, the strength, that marked the U.F.A. organization in the year 1921, in the culmination of its organization for political objectives, we cannot help but think that the same stimulus of increasing numbers and constant activity, which brought such outstanding success then, would have been an immense factor in carrying our Wheat Pool organization to a successful issue in spite of all obstacles. As U.F.A. members, we must face the fact that our organization today is not in the efficient working condition that it should be.

Many of our members take the stand that our efforts should be concentrated on the attempt to set up marketing organizations as the most urgent need affecting the farming industry today. We know they are right. What some of us are in danger of forgetting, however, is that the U.F.A., which has made possible other organizations in the past, is still necessary as the basic organization through which we must work to set up our pools and co-operative marketing organizations generally. We cannot achieve maximum success if our basic organization is weak, because its condition will inevitably be reflected in whatever work it undertakes to do.

It is very gratifying to note that, notwithstanding the opposition and difficulties encountered, and particularly in view of the campaign which was carried on by opposing interests immediately it was known that the full objective had not been quite reached, that with the period for withdrawals over, only some five per cent. have withdrawn. This means that we have approximately 43 per cent. of last year's acreage signed up in the Alberta Wheat Pool at the present time. This is the largest amount of acreage that there is in any wheat pool operating today, and with the amount of wheat that this acreage represents, it ought to be possible to make the pool a success.

Looking back over the period since the Committee of Seventeen first convened on August 7th, it seems that as wheat growers we have reason for satisfaction in what has been accomplished in a short period of time. When we consider that less than two weeks was taken to make all arrangements for the drive for contracts, and that the drive itself lasted only fifteen days, and considering the enormous territory to be covered, any unprejudiced observer must conclude that the result was a decided victory for the Wheat Pool.

The opposition to the Pool which developed could never have made the headway it did had our Locals been functioning to their fullest extent. We must not forget that valuable assistance has been given to the Wheat Pool by many men outside the farmers' movement, who realize that the only foundation for permanent prosperity is to put farming on a sound basis.

Even with the Wheat Pool successfully organized, we must as members of the U.F.A. remember that other marketing

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EDITORIAL

In justice both to primary producers and to consumers of the Western prairies, the freight rates on Western grain shipments should be reduced NOW, at the beginning of the crop season.

The suggestion has been made, not without some show of reason, that if the rates on westbound grain are reduced, the railways will themselves see the desirability of encouraging return freights by reduced rates, in order that the grain cars may be used to their capacity on the eastbound journey from the Pacific. Primary producers and consumers in Alberta, and most of the business interests of the towns and cities, would derive from such all-round reductions benefits the extent of which cannot readily be calculated. And the interests of Alberta as a whole are greater than any of the special interests, and worthy of more consideration.

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"The 30 per cent. tariff on wheat has been no aid to the U. S. grain grower."—New York World.

Of course not. The interests of the U. S. grain grower and the Canadian and Australian grain grower, as wheat producers, are the same. The growers should co-operate.

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There is a new spirit at work in many departments of the Canadian National Railways. There is a steady improvement in standards of service. A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, recently appealed to the members of this organization to co-operate in making the National lines a success. Sir Henry Thornton seems to have succeeded in a greater degree than any other railroad president, in inspiring a spirit of enthusiasm among those who work under his direction. If the corporate interests in Montreal and their allies south of the International boundary, which have watched with a jealous eye the passing, at least from their direct control, of the greatest single system of railways of North America, should be successful within the next two or three years in their campaign against the National system, it is possible that their opportunity will have gone. The legacy of liabilities inherited from a period of senseless, reckless, wasteful competition between rival corporations, may within less than a third of a generation become recognized as one of the greatest of Canada's national assets. It cannot be otherwise, provided that a high standard of management is maintained.

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It is estimated that more than 20,000 depositors of the Home Bank have organized to assert and protect their rights, following their recent awakening to their position as the real "owners" of the bank.

But should not all depositors of all the banks insist that whatever may be the exact method to be employed, the fact that banking is essentially a public business, shall be recognized? The banks have been made the custodians of the public's credit. There is no valid reason why they should be privileged to treat as their own private affairs, matters which by their very nature are the public's affairs.

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Many of the British harvesters, it is stated, are desirous of remaining in Canada. In so far as conditions warrant, it is to be hoped that every opportunity to remain will be given them. Some of the literature by which they were induced to come was apparently misleading, and those who were responsible for these men leaving their homes should take every possible step to provide them with opportunities to make good.

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If Mr. E. W. Beatty, of the C. P. R., could be induced to abandon his opposition to the C. P. R. Contract Holders' Immigration Association, and to seek to co-operate with the association, the company could at one stroke give present and prospective settlers a reasonable opportunity to make good. The C. P. R. have it in their power to be the means of thus initiating a real immigration policy. The C. P. R. Executive have an opportunity, in this matter, to demonstrate a genuine interest in the welfare and progress of Western agriculture as a whole. Their decision will show whether in this matter they are long-sighted or short-sighted business men.

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Members will learn with regret of the resignation on account of ill-health, of R. H. Malcolm, who has been chairman and manager of the Municipal Hail Insurance Board since its formation in 1914. That the co-operative hail insurance plan has worked out so satisfactorily in Alberta has been due, in no small measure, to his able management.

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"The Farm and Ranch Review" announces oracularly that there is no special reason why the farmers should not exercise their rights as a group in the field of Provincial affairs, but that "the Federal adventure is another story." This was the usual attitude of one of the political parties and its press about the year 1921.

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The Alberta farmers decided a few years ago to exercise their own rights of citizenship in their own way. The abandonment of the plan of democratic action then adopted is the miracle for which the political parties have been praying ever since.

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In 1921 one of the political parties and its press were willing to concede that the farmers might do no particular harm in the Federal field, if they would only leave the Provincial field alone. The other party and its press were disposed at times to encourage political action in the Provincial field, but emphasized the danger (to whom was not made quite clear) of political action in the Federal field. The political persuasion of almost any newspaper which solemnly warned the farmers to have nothing to do with politics might readily be ascertained by noting whether it considered the Federal field or the Provincial field the more dangerous one for farmer action.

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"International politics are oil politics," declares Aristide Briand, ex-premier of France, and Shaw Desmond, an authority on the world's oil resources, adds that as although "the greatest war of all," for which Europe and America are preparing, may nominally be fought on any one of half a dozen issues, "the secret, fundamental issue will be the fight for oil control."

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Convention Resolutions and the Federal Parliament

Secretary of the Alberta Group in House of Commons Reports on Action Taken Upon Each of the Resolutions

Below is published, for the information of readers, a summary of the report of H. E. Spencer, M.P., secretary of the Alberta group in the House of Commons, on the action taken in Parliament on the various resolutions passed by the U. F. A. Annual Convention and referred to the Federal Members for action. It is greatly to be regretted that Mr. Spencer's report, which deals in considerable detail with the various resolutions, and the steps taken by the elected members in regard to them, cannot be printed in full, but this is prohibited by the limitations of space. The report was received from Mr. Spencer shortly after the close of the session.

The summary follows:

Minimum Carloads for Sheep. Asking for a reduction of the minimum single deck carlot to 12,000 pounds, and of the minimum double deck carlot to 22,000 pounds.

Report: Railway Commissioners have this under consideration. Will report at a later date.

Expenses Shipping Livestock. Asking that selling commission and yardage fees be reduced to the pre-war basis.

Report: Suggest that U.F.A. Executive take this matter up with United Grain Growers, Ltd.

Livestock and Crop Reports. Opposing the present methods of obtaining and divulging this information.

Report: This is a Provincial matter.

Grading Hogs. The minister admits the expense, as they now have 22 graders, but reminds us that the service is free. If the premium hog does not pay to raise, the minister suggests that the farmer should go in for raising fat ones. In reply to the objection that the small percentage of hogs passing as premiums cannot possibly supply the trade in the class of bacon required, forcing the packers to utilize the so-called inferior grades to make up the differences, the minister states that he intends to overcome this. The minister does not wish to withdraw the present grading system, but intends to extend it, to include carcass grading. This will probably be in force next fall.

Grading Hogs. Asking (a) that the maximum weight of select bacon hogs be increased to 230 pounds, and (b) that a new class, to be known as heavy selects, and weighing from 230 to 250 pounds, be established.

Report: In regard to (a) the minister admits the extra weight would be all right for fat hogs for the British market, if such a market can be built up. In reply to (b) the minister was very sympathetic and will consider the matter if the market demanded the weight of hogs mentioned.

Clean Seed. Asking that grass seed supplied by seed companies be inspected for freedom from noxious weed seeds.

Report: A new law has already been passed complying with the wishes of this resolution, regarding noxious weeds.

Demurrage Charges. Requesting that the Railways Act be amended to delay demurrage charges where the consignees live in outlying districts.

Report: Every reason advanced herein for changes has been considered by the Board of Railway Commissioners on several occasions. The Board considered any changes would be detrimental to public interest. It is essential that cars be delayed as little as possible. One week free time is allowed on packet freight, where consignees live a distance from the depot.

> Definite action upon every resolution passed by the U. F. A. Annual Conventions, insofar as the subject matter of the resolutions has lain within their jurisdiction, has been taken by the U. F. A. Members of the House of Commons since their election in 1921. The Alberta members are organized as a group in the House, and a heavy share of the responsibilities of this organization rests upon Mr. H. E. Spencer, the Member for Battle River, who has combined secretarial duties with active work in Committees and effective participation in the principal debates in the House. It will be remembered that a valuable report on the work of the session of 1922, by Mr. Spencer, was published in "The U. F. A." last year.

Through Freight Rates. Asking for through freight rates to seaboard points on cattle for export to the Old Country.

Report: Referred to Departments of Railways and Canals and Agriculture. Sir Henry Thornton replied that it was impracticable, because of unjust discrimination and it would be a violation of the Railway Act, it would create a monopoly and destroy small shippers. The rates on livestock from Western Canada for export are almost at the 1918 level, the 35 per cent. and 40 per cent. advances having been wiped off.

Lake Freight Rates. Asking that Lake rates be controlled by the Railway Commission.

Report: A Royal Commission carried out the investigation. Legislation was passed, placing control of Lake rates under the direction of the Grain Commission. Coastal laws can be suspended by Order-in-Council, if the interests of the public are betrayed.

C.P.R. Branch Line. Projected branches to Gem Colony, Queenstown to Blackie, and others.

Report: The Alberta members held a meeting with the C.P.R. officials. Every effort was made to secure the various branch lines referred to. Consideration was promised, but when the construction program was announced, the C.P.R. apparently ignored the said members' efforts.

Renewal C.P.R. Charters. Asking that the C. P. R. deposit with Government one quarter of the cost of construction before charters be renewed, such deposit being liable to forfeiture.

Report: Charters to which this resolution had particular reference did not come up for renewal this session. The principle of this resolution already strenuously advocated by Progressive and Independent members.

Calgary Southern Line, C.N.R. Report: The Alberta members specially interviewed the officials of both railways regarding this line. No satisfaction received.

Hudson's Bay Railway. Report: The Government promised to go on with the construction of the railway. $350,000 was voted in the estimates, to put the depreciated part of the line in order.

Western Grain Route. Asking for better facilities for handling grain at Vancouver, and that the discriminatory rates between the East and West be done away with.

Report: Every assistance has been given to B.C. and Alberta freight experts while in Ottawa. The Provinces interested are appealing to the Privy Council, against the decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners with regard to discriminatory rates. The House of Commons voted $5,000,000 for extra terminal facilities at Vancouver.

Revaluation of S.S.B. Lands. Report: Revaluation to be equitable should be general. The whole question was fully discussed before a special committee on S.C.R. lands in 1922 and rejected as impracticable.

S.S.B. Lands. Requesting the Government to pay taxes, when the lands revert to the Crown.

Report: The Justice Department takes a stand that this is not legal. The various Departments shelter under this decision.

Disabled War Veterans. Asking that preference be given to disabled veterans in employing civil servants.

Report: All soldiers' problems that came before the House received the sympathetic and active support of the United Farmer members. The Minister was obviously anxious to support the soldiers' claims.

Immigration. Opposing expenditure for immigration purposes.

Report: The Alberta members severely criticized the Government policy, and demanded that an effort be made to

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The Provincial Secretary's Page

Information for Officers and Members

WHEAT POOL ACREAGE

During the period from Sept. 8th to Sept. 30th, there were 2,634 withdrawals from the Wheat Pool, representing an acreage of 268,750. This left 25,351 members in the pool at that date, with an acreage of 2,404,065. In 548 of the contracts the acreage was not given, so it is not included in the total given above. In addition, 132 new contracts were received from Sept. 20th to Sept. 27th. Altogether, it is estimated that about 43 per cent. of the 1922 acreage has been signed up in the Pool.

PRESSED BY IMPLEMENT COMPANY

A woman member writes: "I must thank you so much for taking the trouble to inquire into Mr. ——'s case with the —— Co. Now, I must tell you my reason for not bringing the matter before our Local. I am sorry to say that I am the only woman member here, although I try hard to get others to join, as I have reason to have faith in the U.F.A.; but I felt sure had I mentioned Mr. ——'s case to our Local, they would just have pushed it on one side, as there are quite a few who don't seem to realize what the U. F. A. stands for. I must say that there are others that do stick to it, but it is hard when there are only a few." Now I must thank you again for being so prompt in answering my letter, and I sincerely hope that through Mr. ——'s case, we have gained more confident members in our Local."

In this case, the member referred to was being very hard pressed by an implement company, and it appeared likely that he would lose his farm. This woman member, believing that the U. F. A. could help, made it her business to send the full facts of the case to Central Office. Representations were made by the Central Office to the implement company concerned, with the result that proceedings were stopped.

ON A POULTRY SHIPMENT

One of our women members made a shipment of poultry to a firm outside the Province, who were advertising for poultry at a higher price than obtained locally. On receipt of her settlement, she found that the amount received was less than she could have sold her poultry for at her local point, and the firm contended that the advertisement announcing the higher price was a printers' error.

The Central Office took the matter up with the firm concerned, and contended that as this woman had lost money by shipping the poultry to them, it was up to them to make settlement for the poultry at the price advertised, whether it was a printers' error or not; and in case it was a printers' error, told them that they should collect from the newspaper concerned. After some correspondence a check for $15 additional was mailed to this woman member from the firm in question.

Every week Central Office is handling cases of this kind. You may be the next member who needs such assistance.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

The Central Office is occasionally asked by directors of Locals, "What am I supposed to do?" "What are the duties of a director?" The duties of other officers are defined by the Constitution, but apparently the Convention, in passing on the Constitution, took it for granted that the "duty of a director is to direct", and that the local board of directors is appointed to direct the activities of the Local.

Successful Locals make the directors responsible for the stimulation of interest and the increasing of the membership in the districts in which they reside. It is a good plan, followed by many Locals, to endeavor to appoint the directors so that they will cover all the territory from which the members of the Local are drawn, and give representation to each section on the controlling body. In this way the directors can very often be very useful to the secretary in stirring up interest or in notifying members regarding special meetings, etc.

The directors should meet from time to time to discuss the work of the Local association and to plan methods of promoting interest in the meetings. If your Local does not hold a meeting of the directors it is probable that you are placing too much work upon your secretary or president.

It is up to every director of a Local association to take a keen interest in the work of his Local. He should be constantly on the lookout for new ideas and suggestions for making the meetings interesting. He should consider it a matter of personal pride and duty to his Local to see that each farmer in his own locality is canvassed for membership and should not rest until he has secured 100 per cent.

Where the Local encounters special difficulties or problems the directors should meet more frequently than the general membership and be ready with some organized plan to submit to the membership for their consideration. Also in regard to urgent matters which cannot wait for a regular meeting to be called, the directors should be get together, or at least consulted over the 'phone by the president and secretary. Their action can then be ratified by the members at the next regular meeting.

Where the Local is engaged in co-operative trading or livestock shipping an active board of directors is indispensable, as they will frequently have to take action between meetings and will be required to assist in the placing of commodities among the members or in making up livestock shipments.

And the more the directors do, as a rule, the more they will find to do, without interfering in any way with the duties of other officers, or minimizing the importance of the regular meeting of the whole membership; on the contrary the latter will soon show the results of improved organization.

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DIDSBURY ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Didsbury Provincial Constituency Association will be held in Didsbury, on Nov. 1st, beginning at 10 a.m. Locals are entitled to one delegate for every ten paid up members.

EDITORIAL

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It is desirable that before the next war comes, the public mind in all belligerent countries shall have been fully enlightened upon the causes which may make it inevitable. "Modern politics," as Shaw Desmond declares, "are no longer ethical abstractions, but facts, brute facts, and behind them facts sometimes more brutal."

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The failure of the League of Nations to enforce its treaty right to intervene in the dispute between Italy and Greece, says Lloyd George, has destroyed the authority of the League. But this is not the first occasion upon which the League has failed to protect its weaker members against the stronger, it is only the most glaring failure. The idea of a League of Free Peoples appeals strongly to the imagination of many millions of the people of the world. Many of the economists whose services have been retained on the permanent staff, and some of the statesmen, have been genuinely desirous of making the present League an instrument for the preservation of peace and for the restoration of Europe, and much valuable work has been done in some of the departments. But the League has been largely representative of reactionary Governments, which in turn are largely dominated by highly centralized reactionary economic forces. But whatever the failures of the present League, the idea which sought expression through it, will not die.

CONTROL OF WORLD'S MARKET.

That Canada will have practical control of the world's wheat market for the next five months is the statement made by T. K. Doherty, Canadian Commissioner in the International Institute of Agriculture.

"The persistent increase in North America's trade with Europe," says Mr Doherty, "indicates the latter's increased purchasing power, improved credit through better crops, and more promising political conditions. Although Europe's imports for the current grain year may be reduced to 538,000,000 bushels, there is already an exceptionally large export to the Orient, which forecasts an ex-European total import of approximately 120,000,000. These quantities with a shortage in ocean supplies on August 1 of over 10,000,000 bushels will bring the world's requirements to approximately 668,000,000 against about 700,000,000 taken last year. These requirements could be met through the following probable shipments in millions of bushels:

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An Interview With Canada's First Woman Member of Parliament

Miss Agnes McPhail, M.P., a Daughter of the Farm, Talks to the Alberta Farm People—Why Alberta May Stem the Reactionary Tide

"Why, ask anything you like! I'm talking to the Alberta farm people—I'm talking to my friends," Miss Agnes McPhail said to "The U. F. A." interviewer.

The first woman member of the Canadian Parliament is a fine-looking young woman, simply and tastefully dressed. She is friendly and unassuming, with a direct, forceful manner of speaking. She was brought up on an Ontario farm, and before her election was a country school teacher. She is a daughter of the farm that all Canadian farm people may well be proud of.

Miss McPhail is an earnest supporter of the plan of group organization. She became convinced that economic interest was the only lasting basis for organization even before she was a member of the U. F. O., and it was with intense delight that she heard Mr. J. J. Morrison speak on this subject for the first time—and, later, Mr. Weed of the U. F. A.

Recognized as a Class Movement

Speaking of the U. F. O. and the Ontario elections, Miss McPhail said: "There was no thought of political action in Ontario at first, and that the movement was a class movement was recognized by all. But after the 1919 elections, when we were unexpectedly returned to power, and were returned not by the votes of our own members alone, these people began to tell our Ontario Government how many friends they had outside of the U. F. O., who were anxious to be of use but had no avenue through which they could work.

"I think we had a wonderful opportunity at that time to form a really co-operative government, but we were not well enough educated.

"We did not seize that opportunity for two reasons—it was a new and unfamiliar idea; and then we did the very thing we blamed the other people for doing. We were anxious, as an elected group, possibly too anxious, to grasp power, which lay within our reach.

"Having taken over the government, the 'class' charge became a skeleton in the closet, that must not be referred to. Our elected representatives began to dwell upon the fact that they represented everybody—which seems to me to be a physical impossibility.

A Bewildered Electorate

"Then came the definite stage from their leader to change the political movement from a class movement into a new and righteous party, a place to which all the good could come, of whatever walk in life. This argument, continuing over two years, between the organization proper and most of the elected members and many of their friends, has bewildered the electorate. The decision was made harder for many of the farm men and women by the magnetic and charming personality of the chief advocate of the third party.

"The Government did much good work, passed much good legislation which has not been fully appreciated; but the expenditure was greater than was in harmony with their economy platform, greater than the Province could bear. Then their rigid and excellent enforcement of the O. T. A. earned for them dislike in some quarters.

"Too many people expected fifty years of misgovernment to be corrected in four years; which is not possible. They expected too much by legislation, forgetting that legislation is only one branch of our work.

Heart of Movement Sound

"Personally I think that farmers are in politics as farmers or they are not in politics at all. I think the movement in Ontario cannot go down, because of the many very intelligent farm folk who will never go back to the party system. Oh, the heart of the movement is sound.

"It is significant that since the defeat of the Farmer Government, the old jeering criticism of farmers is more noticeable. When I spoke in the 'No More War' demonstration in Toronto lately, some one in the crowd called out, 'Go home to the farm, where you belong!' If we don't hold our ground, we'll again be a common laughing stock.

"I would like to see in all our Parliaments a group representing agriculture as such, but not having power under our two party system. Where one party must take the power, all others combine against them. And power is very dangerous—it preys upon the weaknesses of humanity. Under a co-operative group government, we would have to share the power as well as the responsibility. In such a government the only criticism would be honest, from conviction. Of course, I don't know how the details would work out. Before the two-party system, no one knew how it would work out. The situation worked them out, and the same thing would happen again."

Of her own election, Miss McPhail said: "I have often felt sorry that the honor of being the first woman elected to Parliament should not have belonged

MISS AGNES McPHAIL
U. F. O. Member for Southeast Grey

to a woman who had worked in the suffrage movement. It would have seemed more fair. But it seldom happens that the truly great reap the fruits of their own labor.

"Sometimes women who are happy and busy in their own homes, are not interested in public affairs. They shrug their shoulders, and say, 'What is it to me?' But now that we have the vote, we have no right to expect other individuals to surpass us in their service to our country. It is our privilege, and it is also our very sacred duty, to interest ourselves in everything that affects for good or evil the homes of the people.

"Many women have grasped the importance of their duty in this respect, and are doing splendid work. There are many of these women in the U. F. W. O. which, by the way, is steadily increasing in numbers.

Up Against the Realities

"I think farm women are the finest on earth. Day by day they are up against the realities of life. They are affected more by economic conditions than men are. A woman's heart is in the home, and she loves to have a beautiful home, some leisure, some culture. Women, farm women particularly, are making lives; an infinitely greater work than the man's, which is making a living. The women in the United Farmer movement, while they work mostly to make the homes better, still know that to make the homes better they must remedy economic conditions.

A Time for Work

"Suffrage for women is in danger of again becoming unpopular, and there is an increasing feeling against women in public life. This is probably part of the reactionary wave that seems to be sweeping the world today. I think we have got to a resting place in human progress. I believe you will see almost everywhere the people who are too respectable to move, come into the seats of the mighty. Probably not in Alberta, for I think you have a very advanced farmers' movement here. But all over the world you see signs of reactionary victory, which of course will be only temporary, for progress goes by steps, and as I said, I think we have come to a resting place now. And this is the time for us to work, to prepare, so that we will be ready to go on when the next time comes to move forward.

The Alberta Members

"And while I am talking of public life, I want to pay the highest compliment of which I am capable to your Alberta members of Parliament. You have members who are serving you, who are working as they probably never worked before at any other job, and who will probably get no credit. But they are at least serving, and the greatest reward of serving is the consciousness that we are doing it. That doesn't mean that I always agree with them, but we don't have to agree with people to admire them."

A. M. T.

The United States Department of Agriculture, after studying the accounts of 6,000 farms, reports that the average cash return was $717 per farm for the use of the farm property and for the labor of the farmer and members of his family. The average investment in these farms was $16,400.

LABOR ANNUAL SETS HIGH STANDARD

The standard of excellence set by the publishers of the Alberta Labor Annual in previous issues of this publication, is well maintained in the number for 1923, a copy of which has been received by "The U. F. A." The Annual is published by the Alberta Labor News, official organ of the Alberta Federation of Labor, and both typographically and in the quality of the contributions, it is one of the notable publications of the year in this Province.

Leaders in the labor world in Alberta, the Dominion, Great Britain and the United States are among the contributors. One of the most interesting of the contributions to students of public affairs is that of J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., leader of the British Parliamentary Labor Party. Mr. MacDonald writes on Labor and International relations, and as it is conceivable that his party may form the next Government of Great Britain, his exposition of its foreign policy is of peculiar significance. Among other contributors are Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P. of the British Labor party; Samuel Gompers, Tom Moore, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; Ald. F. J. White, M.L.A., of Calgary, Mrs. Raymond Robins, Walter Smitten, Alberta Commissioner of Labor; J. S. Woodsworth, M.P.; Mrs. Leona R. Barritt, President of the Red Deer U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association, and numerous others. The Annual is edited by Elmer E. Roper, editor of the Alberta Labor News.

HAIL INSURANCE RATE HIGH

Exceptionally heavy losses from hail during the summer made it necessary for the Hail Insurance Board, at its annual meeting in Calgary, to set the highest rate in its history, 12 per cent.

Over two million acres were insured with the Hail Board, about two hundred thousand acres at $6 and $8 an acre, and the balance at $10 an acre. Already $2,389,391.17 has been paid out in claims and it is expected that unpaid claims will bring the total amount to $2,430,000.

WHAT THE U.F.A. MEANS TO THE WHEAT POOL

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problems remain to be solved. We can best prepare for success in the solution of these problems now by building up our basic organization, the U.F.A., to greater strength and efficiency than has yet been attained. It will be the biggest asset the farmers can have in the solution of any of their problems. If we remember this, we will not fail to support the organization at this time.

THE POOL IN SASKATCHEWAN

At the close of the drive for Wheat Pool contracts in Saskatchewan, it was found that of the required minimum of 6,166,000 acres, contracts had been received for only about 4,000,000 acres. The board of directors decided to continue the drive for contracts, and to put the pool into operation as soon as possible after the required acreage had been secured. Agreements have been prepared and are being sent out to all contract holders for signature, waiving the time limit mentioned in the contract.

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U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

LOCAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVES

In the suggestive programme for U. F. W. A. Locals for 1923, published in the Nov. 15th and Dec. 1st issues of "The U. F. A.," a Local membership drive was suggested as one of the subjects for discussion at the October meeting. The outline for discussion was: "Preparations for Membership Drive. Review of the Aims and Objects of the Association. How Canvassers can answer the questions: What does the U. F. W. A. do? What is it for? What has it done for farm women?" Each Local would find it of advantage to put on a Local membership drive in the early fall. After the rush of harvesting is over and when the sale of the crop is bringing in some ready money the time is ripe for adding new members and collecting fees from those who have already joined. The Local will be greatly benefited as a result of an enthusiastically conducted membership campaign. New members are always an inspiration. They should be made to feel very welcome, and given some definite work to do in the Local as soon as they become members. Many Locals arrange some sort of social entertainment for the new members soon after the drive is completed. Special effort should be made to make the meetings following the drive bright and attractive and of interest to all, so that new members will feel encouraged to continue their affiliation with the Local.

The Central Office regrets to state that the U. F. W. A. has over five hundred members less than last year at this time. The reason for this, no doubt, is an economic one, since letters from the Locals this year have been unusually encouraging. After several years of poor crops, Alberta has made another record in crop production this year, so that many who have been unable to support the organization financially will now be in a position to become paid-up members.

The U. F. W. A. needs the stimulus of a membership drive extending throughout the Province now more than ever before. A membership drive would be more productive of results at this time than at any other. The Annual Convention, by resolution, decided that any future membership drives should be left to the Locals, and we trust the Locals will not neglect the excellent opportunity for building up our organization afforded by the present interest which is being displayed in the organization and the improved financial conditions which should result from the good crop.—J.B.K.

MISS AGNES McPHAIL, M.P., SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE JUNIOR U. F. A.

On another page of this issue is a story about a young woman only a few years older than many of our Juniors who is the first woman to be elected as a representative to the Dominion Parliament. To have attained this position of responsibility in public life she must have certain qualities of character which gave the electors confidence in her ability to act as their representative. Undoubtedly, the qualities which won Miss McPhail her place in the legislative halls of Canada are her unswerving allegiance to what she believes to be right and her burning loyalty to the tillers of the soil.

The Junior Branch Secretary asked Miss McPhail if she would give a message to the Junior U. F. A. and she said she would be glad to send a message to the young people because she felt that we must look to them to continue the work that has as yet just begun, of building up a happy and prosperous rural life.

This is the message which Miss McPhail sends to the Junior U. F. A.:

"Tell them there are just two paths open to them. One path leads away from the farm. It is perhaps the easier of the two. But the other path, the path that leads back to the farm by the way of co-operation to improve conditions, is best for Canada and best for the individual, because it will teach the individual the real meaning of brotherhood.

"To the condescending inquiry that one often hears, 'What is it that the western farmer wants?' the reply can be made in words of one syllable; 'They want pay for what they do.' And when they do get adequate returns for what they do, having learned to work and play together, they will bring to rural communities culture, a better and fuller life in which there is leisure and some strength left to play and to study and to enjoy one another."—J.B.K.

CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

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right economic conditions. A $50,000 cut was eventually made in the Immigration estimates.

Federal Loan Department. Asking the elected representatives at Ottawa to present a bill to the House of Commons having for its object the establishment of a Government Loan Department.

Report: United Farmer representatives were prevented from introducing a bill as requested in this resolution, by a ruling of the House, to the effect that no private member may introduce any bill or measure entailing expenditure. This resolution proposing to establish a Federal Loan Department necessarily falls under this heading. Such a bill may only be introduced by a Minister of the Crown, with the Governor-General's recommendation. The general object sought by this resolution has been (with other proposals for credit reform) before the Banking Committee for approximately three months. Your members secured as witnesses the drafters of this resolution (Messrs. Bevington and East) who were given every opportunity to present their views in support of the proposals. The Progressives were unable, at this session, to secure any examination of evidence submitted by these or other witnesses on Financial Reform, but did obtain the assent of the Committee and House to a recommendation that the investigation of these and other proposals for credit reform be further considered at another session.

Reciprocity. Asking that an endeavor be made to bring about a substantial measure of reciprocity in trade with the United States.

Report: The Progressive members strongly urged that every effort be made to secure reciprocity. A declaration incorporated in the Budget statement, indicated Canada's willingness to negotiate at the earliest opportunity. Apparently the United States are not ready for an agreement.

International Arbitration. Recommending the setting of international disputes by arbitration.

Report: Canada's contribution to the cost of the League of Nations passed the House by a general vote. Development of an organized mass intelligence is the only safeguard against war.

League of Nations. Endorsing the ideal embodied in the League of Nations.

Report: Covered by resolution and answer to same on International Arbitration.

Canadian Ambassador to the U.S.A. Requesting appointment.

Report: Action by Government unlikely. Hon. Mr. Fielding frankly opposed.

Marketing of Butter. Asking that makers' name should be marked on paper wrappers, and that suitable places of storage should be provided by businesses handling butter.

Report: This was fully covered by a report on a similar resolution last year.

Marking of Woollen Materials. Requesting that percentage of virgin wool be shown, and that penalties be provided in default.

Report: The Progressives introduced a resolution to this effect. The Government was unsympathetic, and the motion talked out.

Wheat Board. Asking the Federal members to put forth every effort to secure such legislation as might be necessary from the Dominion Government.

Report: An Order-in-Council was passed on April 7, 1923, extending Wheat Board legislation for one year.

Income Tax Exemptions. Asking for exemption for female help in farm homes.

Report: The Finance Minister would not consent to make any change in this respect.

Amendment to Criminal Code. Asking that cohabitation without marriage be made a criminal offence.

Report: A resolution was placed on the Order Paper by a Progressive member, but the pressure of the House business precluded consideration.

Oriental Immigration. Recommending a policy of rigid restriction.

Report: Legislation has been passed making Oriental Immigration more difficult.

Immigration Advisory Council. Asking that the Council include a woman conversant with rural conditions.

Report: This would be in the discretion of the Provincial Government.

N.S.F. Cheques. Asking that it be made a criminal offence to issue such cheques.

Report: The Department of Justice, who have been urged repeatedly to make this provision, have steadily declined to do so. In the case of payment of hotel bills, it is already a criminal offence to offer a worthless cheque.

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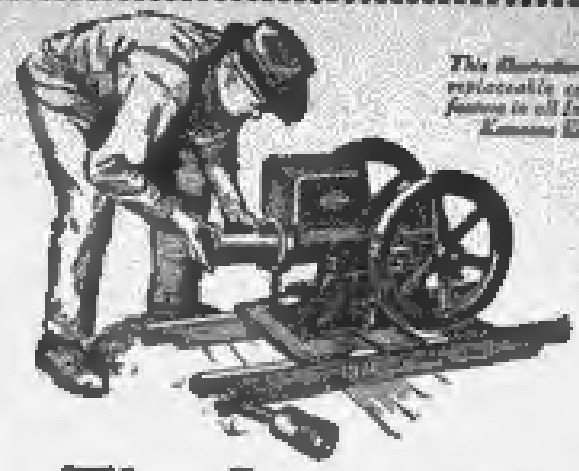

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Activities Cramped by Lack of Funds

In a leading editorial in "The Progressive", the newspaper of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, under the heading "Too Cheap", the opinion is expressed that "one of the difficulties common among farmers' organizations in Saskatchewan and other Prairie Provinces is that they have been cramped in their activities owing to the scarcity of money.

Fight Without Ammunition

"Sufficient income to defray office expenses would be enough if the members did not expect from the organization anything more than arrangements for conventions and an odd letter to the various Local secretaries. But the members have looked to their officers to solve for them great problems in economics, politics and finance. They have given them a fight to carry on and very little ammunition to fire.

"Consider what could be done by a modest annual contribution from all the farmers of Saskatchewan. There are, according to reliable statistics, about 121,000 farmers in Saskatchewan, and it must be presumed that every farm has a farmer of its own. If all these farmers contributed yearly to one association the sum of five dollars each, there would be available the enormous total of over $600,000. The control of this sum of money would place any association in a position of power and consequence.

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Must Depend on Outside Interests

"At the present time, for information on matters vital to them, the farmer must depend on interests which may not at all times be acting with the one object in view of improving the conditions under which the producer of the prairie has to raise and market his product. It would be possible for the farmers themselves, through their agents, to be in possession of complete, accurate and reliable information, on every subject which is related to their problems. It would be possible for the farmers themselves, through their agents, to tackle such problems as presented themselves with modern scientific weapons in the hands of modern, scientific men, working for and paid by the farmers.

"Is five dollars a year too much to ask the farmer to pay to accomplish these results? That is for him to decide. It seems to us that every farmer in Saskatchewan has lost ten times that much annually through lack of an adequate fund to protect his interests against the interests of those who have money to spend and who spend it in the maintenance of their own position and the attainment of their own ends."

Credit Societies Form Association

Hope to Get Cheaper Money—Total Loans $285,000, Most of Which Have Been Paid In

Twenty-five co-operative credit societies, from all parts of the Province, were represented at a meeting held at Sibbald some weeks ago, when "The Alberta Provincial Association of Co-operative Credit Societies" was organized. A board was elected, to call the first annual convention of the society, some time in the fall of the present year, or in the early winter.

The societies are making a very determined effort to obtain cheaper money for their members. At the present time the rate is 7 per cent., and this cannot be lowered unless the societies themselves can obtain money at a lower rate.

Last year the sum of $285,000 was loaned by the various societies, and 75 per cent. of this was paid in at the beginning of the present year, though in some cases money advanced for feeder cattle was not paid in until May. Reports from the various districts showed that in the great majority of cases, payments had been made promptly. The Chesterholm society loaned $17,000, and had collected all but $900, which was well secured, and the society was confident that all would be recovered.

Ernest Bennion President

Ernest Bennion, of Magrath, was elected president of the Provincial Association, and A. S. Edwards, of Whitton, vice-president. The secretary is James Glen, of Sibbald. Among those present were George Johnson, M.L.A. of Coronation; T. C. Milnes, M.L.A. of Chesterholm; Donald Campbell, of Veteran, and the inspector, W. A. Caswell.

It is probable that certain amendments to the act under which the societies are operated may be sought at the next session of the Legislature.

GOVERNMENT DEBTS

"The total gross debt of the Dominion Government stood at approximately $1,663,-[illegible] on March 31, 1918. A year later it had increased to $2,069,183,000. On July 31, 1922, it stood at $2,976,872,000. Turning to the finances of the Provincial Governments, we find that the debts have, without exception, increased very substantially as indicated in the following table:

Funded Debts of Provinces

	1918	1922
British Columbia	$33,971,936	$[illegible]
Alberta	$1,[illegible]	$1,127,[illegible]
Saskatchewan	$1,420,[illegible]	$3,772,[illegible]
Manitoba	$3,[illegible]	$[illegible]
Ontario	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Quebec	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
New Brunswick	$17,[illegible]	$[illegible]
Nova Scotia	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
P. E. I.	[illegible]	[illegible]

PIG PRODUCTION IN ALBERTA

"The Production of Fall Pigs in Alberta" is thoroughly discussed in a pamphlet prepared by J. P. Sackville, and R. D. Sinclair, professor and assistant professor of animal husbandry at the University, and copies may be secured from the Department for Extension. The pamphlet contains a review of three years' work in fall pig feeding experiments at the University, and details are given as to construction of buildings and feeds used, with results in weight, price and profit per head, etc.

Another pamphlet available from the Department of Extension is entitled "Plows and Plowing", by J. MacGregor Smith. It contains a number of diagrams illustrating methods of striking out lands, adjusting mouldboards, coulters and hitches, and a discussion of some of the factors influencing the draft of plows.

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